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REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 7-15, and 17-29 are pending. Claims 6 and 16 have been canceled. Claims 1, 8, 11, and 15 are amended. No new matter has been introduced. Reexamination and reconsideration of the present application are respectfully requested.

In the Office Action dated December 13, 2005, the Examiner allowed claims 22-29 for which Applicants thank the Examiner.

The Examiner objected to the drawings under 37 CFR 1.83(a). Applicants have amended FIG. 7 to correct mislabeled references in conformity with the written description as shown in the redline versions enclosed herewith. Applicants have also enclosed replacement sheets for the aforementioned amended drawing figures in accordance with 37 C. F. R. § 1.121(d).

The Examiner objected to the specification for informalities. Applicants have amended the specification in view of the Examiner's comments. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the objection should be withdrawn.

The Examiner rejected claims 11-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite. Applicants have amended claims 11 and 15 in view of the Examiner's comments. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection should be withdrawn.

The Examiner objected to claims 5-10 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but indicated that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. (*December 13 Office Action; page 7*) Applicants thank the Examiner for so indicating. Applicants have amended claim 1 to include the limitations of claim 6 (now canceled). Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claim 1, as amended, is in condition for allowance.

Claims 2-5 and 7-10 depend from independent claim 1, as amended. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 2-5 and 7-10 are in condition for allowance.

The Examiner rejected claims 15-21 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite, but indicated that these claims would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the § 112 rejection. (*December 13 Office Action; page 7*) Applicants thank Examiner for so indicating. Applicants have amended independent claim 11 to include all limitations of claim 16 (now canceled). Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submits that independent claim 11, as amended, is in condition for allowance.

Claims 12-15 and 17-21 depend from independent claim 11, as amended. Accordingly Applicants respectfully submit that claim 12-15 and 17-21 are in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe that the claims are in condition for allowance. If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles, California telephone number (213) 488-7100 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance should the Examiner believe that such a telephone conference call would advance prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,
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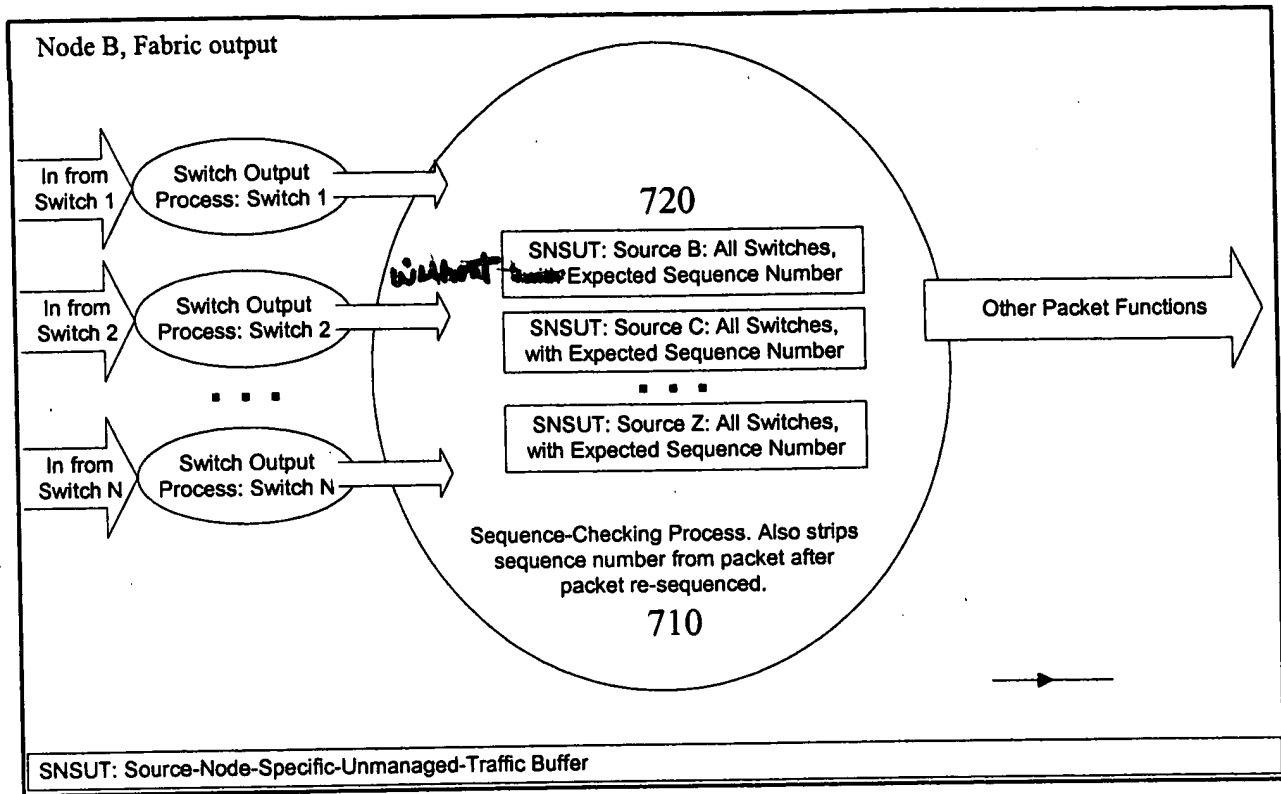


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